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The officers of the Section are :—

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<i>Secretary</i> , . . . .	John H. Redfield.
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<i>Librarian</i> , . . . .	Edw. J. Nolan.
<i>Treasurer</i> , . . . .	Wm. L. Mactier.

On behalf of the Section,

S. RAYMOND ROBERTS,

*Recorder.*

#### REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

During the year past the Entomological Section has held ten meetings, at which the attendance has averaged six members, exclusive of visitors.

During the year one member has resigned, and one died. No new members have been elected, and the Section at present numbers twenty-one members.

The Section has experienced an irreparable loss in the decease of its late Director, Dr. John L. LeConte. His long services in the advancement of entomology in this country are too well known to require any rehearsal here. At the annual meeting of the American Entomological Society, it was ordered that a memorial of Dr. LeConte be prepared, and published in the Society's Transactions.

The Transactions of the American Entomological Society, vol. x, containing 344 pages and 9 plates, has been published. The Proceedings of the Entomological Section continue to be published and issued in connection with the Transactions, and contain the communications made at the monthly meetings. Members and others are thus enabled to place upon record such advanced descriptions as they may desire.

Eleven written communications have been presented for publication, and, having been favorably acted upon, will be duly published.

The Curator reports the following additions to the cabinets :—

From DR. W. L. ABBOTT.

Diurnal Lepidoptera, . . .	237 specimens, 40 species.
Nocturnal Lepidoptera, . . .	11      "      10      "
Odonata, . . . . .	24      "      10      "

S. F. AARON.

Orthoptera, . . . . .	36      "      22      "
Diptera, . . . . .	55      "      30      "
Hemiptera, . . . . .	32      "      20      "
Pseudoneuroptera, . . .	663      "      95      "
Neuroptera, . . . . .	40      "      12      "

E. M. AARON.

Neuroptera, . . . . .	79      "      20      "
Pseudoneuroptera, . . .	87      "      28      "
Odonata, . . . . .	9      "      7      "
Diurnal Lepidoptera, . .	84      "      63      "

G. B. CRESSON.

Diptera, . . . . .	200      "      75      "
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E. T. CRESSON.

Hymenoptera, . . . . .	11,677      "      number of species not determined.
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Additions were also made at various times by Dr. H. Skinner, who has given no list of the same.

Through the attention bestowed upon it by Mr. E. T. Cresson, the collection of Hymenoptera is in a specially good condition, and is beyond doubt the best in America.

The cabinets have been examined and disinfected, so that they now present a thoroughly good appearance. This is a part of the Conservator's labors in connection with entomological collections that always requires much care and time. Great assistance has been rendered to the Conservator by Mr. S. F. Aaron, who has devoted much care to the specimens. The same gentleman has also helped greatly in the arrangement of the Entomological library.

By resolution passed November 9, the Section expressed its hearty accord with the Curator of the Academy in the formation

of a local museum, and directed the Conservator to render such assistance as laid in his power.

At the meeting held December 10, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	George H. Horn, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Rev. H. C. McCook, D. D.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	James H. Ridings.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	Eugene M. Aaron.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	.	J. Frank Knight,
					H. Skinner.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. RIDINGS,

*Recorder.*

#### REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Vice-Director of the Botanical Section has pleasure in reporting to the Academy that the activity and prosperity of the Section heretofore noted, still continue. The growth of the Herbarium is fully detailed in the report of the Conservator submitted herewith. Meetings have been held regularly every month, except during the summer recess, and much interesting matter communicated and papers presented, some of the more important of which have appeared in the general Proceedings of the Academy. The Section is wholly free of debt, and has a surplus in its treasury, and has at present thirty-two members on the roll.

The officers elected to serve during 1884 are :—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Dr. W. S. W. Ruschenberger.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Thomas Meehan.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	F. Lamson Scribner.
<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	}	.	.	.	Isaac C. Martindale.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	}	.	.	.	
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	John H. Redfield.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MEEHAN,

*Vice-Director.*

*Conservator's Report.*—The Conservator reports that during the year 1883, now closing, the donations of plants to the Academy's Herbarium have been 2868 species. It is estimated that over 900